

ously passed could be accommodated m
 them He, of
 course, knew this and he meant the schools to
 be provided
 He knew, too, that had he begun by demanding
 the money
 to create the schools, he would never have
 got it As it
 was, he did get it, and the Board went ahead
 Again, he
 worked tirelessly to bring such schools as
 existed up to a
 satisfactoiy standard A school would, for
 instance, be given
 one year, a small grant for laboratory
 equipment, sewing
 machines or what not; next year, when the
 renewal of
 the grant was applied for, a bland enquiry,
 terrifying m
 its accurate and detailed familiarity with the
 facts—would
 be put, as to cloak-room accommodation,
 teachers' pay, or
 some other point of weakness So "cordial co-
 operation"
 meant a steady, irresistible advance towards
 control

If, however, it was possible for the Technical
 Board to
 bring its department up to a reasonably high
 level of
 efficiency, the position in relation to elementary
 education
 was vastly different It was the condition of the
 elementary
 schools of London that mainly impelled his
 mind towards
 the working out of a comprehensive plan of
 reform In
 any such plan the keynote was bound to be co-
 ordination
 under a single authority Not co-ordination for
 its own sake,
 still less co-ordination for the sake of uniformity
 —co-ordin-
 ation for the sake of education Above all, he
 wanted to
 lift the entire conception of education out of
 the ragged
 school, or, to use his phrase "rescue work,"
 standpoint, the
 standpoint, then still so common, from which

both School
Board and Technical Education Board were but
agencies for
the "education of the poor"—the emphasis
being on poor

The actual position was clearly set out by
him m 1903
in a series of articles in *The Nineteenth Century*,
afterwards
reprinted in a small book, *London Education*

"In spite of an expenditure of nearly four millions
of public
money, and a large but unknown amount of private
money, Lon-
don education falls short of decent efficiency at
many points.